on 13.2.2003. The norms proposed in the guidelines are under revision and would require approval of Government as per prescribed procedure before the fund can be operationalised.

Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) envisages to provide reform linked assistance to States. A provision of Rs. 500 crore has been made in the crrent year's budget for the implementation of URIF as part of Additional Central Assistance to Annual Plans of the States. Planning Commission has worked out State-wise allocations on the basis of share of each State in urban population and included the same among States' resources at the time of fixing the size of Annual Plan. The process of release would, however, be initiated by States individually by entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Central Government. The above position has been brought to the notice of all State Governments along with the draft MOA to be signed by them. This issue was also deliberated upon in the Housing Minister's Conference held on 12.9.2002. General consenus is that urban reforms is a lengthy process and reforms cannot be thrust upon the States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Scheme of loan to start self employment

†1991. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for providing loan to start self employment by dalits, backward people and people living below poverty line in the urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount provided under this scheme during the year 2000-2001, 2001 -2002 and till February, 2003?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation is implementing a Centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) through all the States/UTs with effect form 1.12.1997. Under the Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component of this scheme urban un-employed or under-employed poor living below the poverty line are encouraged to set up self employment ventures relating to servicing, petty business and manufacturing units. Special attention is given to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Tribes, disabled persons, women and other such categories as may be indicated by the Government form time to time. There are no minimum educational qualifications for the beneficiaries under this scheme. However, scheme is not applicable to the beneficiaries educated beyond the IX standard.

(c) The details of Central funds released to the States/UTs under SYSRY are as under:—

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
2000-2001	Rs. 8513.00
2001-2002	Rs. 3831.00
2002-2003 (upto 28.2.2003)	Rs. 8836.33

Conversion of shops allotted by DDA from leasehold to freehold

1992. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a plan under consideration for allowing conversion of shops allotted by DDA from leasehold to freehold;

(b) if so, by when this scheme is proposed to come into operation; and

(c) the amount Government propose to charge from the allottees for such conversion along with the other details?